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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTEST OVER SHOOTING INCIDENT

REF: USUN 742, 741 AND 735

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED FEB 27 FROM SMUN PROTESTING FIRING OF SHOTS AT SOVIET BUILDING IN RIVERDALE MORNING OF FEB 27, 1976. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: INFORMAL TRANSLATION: SOVIET MISSION NOTE #132
TO USUN, FEB. 27, 1976

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATION STATES THE FOLLOWING TO THE US MISSION TO THE UN. ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 27, 1976, THE BUILDING OF THE HOUSING COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE BELONGING TO THE USSR WAS SUBJECTED TO GUNFIRE. AT 2:45 (A.M.)
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LOCAL TIME, SEVERAL SHOTS FROM A FIRE-ARM WERE FIRED AT

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THE BUILDING, CAUSING A WINDOW IN THE VESTIBULE TO BE HIT.
AFTER THE BULLET WENT THROUGH THE WINDOW, IT PASSED
NOT FAR FROM THE MISSION DUTY OFFICER AND ENTERED A WALL.

IN EXPRESSING ITS INDIGNATION APROPOS OF THIS TERRORIST
ACT, THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN UNDERSCORES THE PARTICULAR
GRAVITY OF THIS THIRD INSTANCE OF FIRING ON BUILDINGS
BELONGING TO THE SOVIET UNION IN NEW YORK. SIMILAR
TERRORIST ACTS WERE COMMITTED ON OCTOBER 20, 1971, AND
JANUARY 19, 1975, WHEN THE BUILDING IN NEW YORK OF THE
USSR, UKRAINIAN AND BYELORUSSIAN PERMANENT MISSIONS WAS
FIRED ON. DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS OF THE USSR MISSION
TO UN, THE PERSONS WHO COMMITTED THESE HEINOUS CRIMES -
ATTEMPTS ON THE LIVES OF SOVIET MISSION OFFICIALS -
HAVE NEITHER BEEN FOUND NOR PUNISHED. UP TO THE PRESENT,
THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIONS
COMMITTED AGAINST USSR CITIZENS IN NEW YORK, REPEATEDLY
REPORTED IN NOTES OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, REMAIN
UNPUNISHED.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO UNDERSCORE
THAT THE FIRING UPON THE RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX
CONSTITUTES A NEW AND ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF
THE HOSTILE CAMPAIGN RECENTLY UNLEASHED AGAINST THE USSR
MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW
YORK.

THE FIRING ON THE RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX GRAPHICALLY
ILLUSTRATES THAT THE ASSERTIONS AND PLEDGES MADE ON THE
AMERICAN SIDE, RELATIVE TO PREVENTING CRIMINAL HOSTILE
ACTIONS AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND SOVIET
CITIZENS IN NEW YORK AND SECURITY NORMAL WORKING AND
LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THEM, REMAIN UNFULFILLED. SUCH A
POSITION OF THE US AUTHORITIES IN FACT PROMOTES THE EXPANSION
OF ANTI-USSR ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS CRIMINAL ELEMENTS.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN STRESSES THAT THE CONTINUATION
OF INADMISSIBLE ACTS AGAINST THE MISSION AND ITS STAFF
AND THE INACTIVITY OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION
WITH THEM, ESPECIALLY THE FAILURE TO PUNISH THE CRIMINALS,
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IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ELEMENTARY NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW.

THE USSR MISSION UN LODGES A FIRM PROTEST IN REGARD TO
THE TERRORIST ACT COMMITTED ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976, AGAINST
THE RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX AND EXPECTS THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO FIND AND PUNISH
THE GUILTY PARTIES, AS WELL AS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE MATERIAL

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DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE BUILDING.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN URGENTLY DEMANDS THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND ACTIVE STEPS BE TAKEN AT LAST TO BAR SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN FUTURE, TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, THE RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS TO SECURE NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR OFFICIALS OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OF OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS. UNQTE.

2. SOVIET MISSION HAS REQUESTED MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY TO DISCUSS SHOOTING. MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2 AT 10:30 AM.
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